



## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ABEL MALDONADO

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### **Lt. Governor Maldonado Issues Statement on Oil Rig Explosion In The Gulf Of Mexico**

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the individuals whose lives have been endangered by the latest oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. May they safely be returned to their families, along with the courageous emergency responders who are managing this crisis.

"Though we do not yet know whether oil will once again be pouring into the Gulf as the result of this latest catastrophe, today's rig explosion is another grim reminder that we must do all we can to prevent oil spills from threatening California's beautiful coastline and our economies that depend on healthy waters.

"My recommendations to strengthen oil spill prevention and increase response measures are important to helping California have the most effective and stringent policies to protect our environment. When it comes to our coastal lands and waters, I will do all that I can to safeguard them from this very real threat."

*Lt. Governor Maldonado presented a [policy memo](#) to his fellow California State Lands Commissioners last month after he led the California delegation to bring economic and environmental recovery resources to the Gulf. The memo outlines his recommendations to lengthen oil spill contingency plans and consider instituting third-party certification of blowout prevention equipment.*

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